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Dear Friend:

As you may remember, President Bush recently signed into law the American Jobs Creation Act, which contains an important provision that brings fairness back to the tax code for Texas families.

I was pleased to help include this provision, which will benefit Texans by allowing taxpayers to deduct state and local sales tax on their federal income tax returns if they choose to itemize. I am confident that state and local sales tax deductibility will create more jobs in Texas and put more money into the pockets of Texas families.

By now, you have probably received the 1040 form from the IRS. In the next week or two, you should also be receiving state sales tax tables to help you calculate your new deduction as you prepare your tax return. You may also access this information online at www.irs.gov.

If you have any questions about this new law, please do not he sitate to call the IRS at 800-829-1040 or my office at 202-225-5951. It is an honor to serve you in the United States House of Representatives.

Congressman Tom DeLay

Delivering Tax Relief

Sincerely,

Tom DeLay

Member of Congress

